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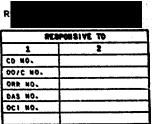
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- 2. If a female worder in sugaria persons she is given one month of medical leave prior to the birth of her child and two months after. suring all that period she is paid full wages. In addition she receives 160 lev for her first child, 320 lev for the second and 480 lev for third. Both parents are exempted from the bachelor's tar after their third child is born. If ter the third child the mother gets no bomus for further children.

 Bowever, a mother who has nine children receives a special metal for matherhood.
- 3. "During the first two months the new born baby remains with his mother.

 After two months the mother goes back to work, but the works only six in
 teed of eight hours a day. Before going to work she takes the child to

 the day nursery. Each factory employing a fairly large number of tomen
 must have a day nursery located close to the factory. The nursery is

 paid for by the factory, the parents paying a small token amount for daily

 care.
- to the factory fiers I Mlot in Gabrovo such day nursery to located on folezhiozaraka Street, about 300 mards away from the factory. In the summer of 1950 a building was selected by a number of without as the most surlable for a nursery. Within two days the house was evacuated of all occupents by a decree of Tenants Court (filiszien 500), and the day nursery was organized.
- 5. If the baby gets sick the numbery notifies the mother and the factory seministration. In practice such procedure is applied only when the baby is scriously ill. The mother is then given a faw hours off, which she has to make up the next day. Should the time loss exceed 24 hours and the mother

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be unable to work overtime to make it up, her pay sheek is proportionally reduced.

- 6. This lasts until the baby is one year old. Once he is a year old he is transferred to a Meekly Mursery, financed and kept by the clay government. Orking mothers must take their children to these numberles. The child is delivered on Monday morning and picked up on faturday at 6 s.m. Luring the week parents are not permitted to see their children. They can communicate with the nurses and bring for the child whatever they deem necessary.
- 7. This lasts until the child is five years old. The parents say for child's upkeep in accordance with prescribed rules. Once the child is five it is sent to a kindergarten (**shawezznien**). There it is kept for an entire month outside its home. Exents are permitted only to take their child home once a month for 24 hours. In the meantime they have visitors' rights.
- Only after a child is neven is it permitted to return home and attend school from home.
- 9. Firiend of mine had a small child in kindergerten in Gabrove. I used to visit them on holidays and saw the child at home. The child sang songs about Stalin. He maintained that the big factories with smoking chimneys, where his mother and father worked, were given to the Bulgariana by Father talan and that they were our own. The child's father laughed. He said that factories belong to Uncle Chervenkov. But the child was stubborn and resulted that factories belong to the Bulgarian people and that Father talin himself beind so.
- 10. "Inother friend of mine had a six year old doughter in kindergreton. (A continue when she was at home. My friend had some unpleasant problems and a six yearsing the Communists in front of his wife. The child started to cry. Everybody asked what was wrong. She said that we are not supposed to talk that way about Communists and that her teacher asked her to listen to what her parents said at home and to repeat it. There are similar cases in primary schools. Often fathers are sent to prison or labor camps without realizing that they were denounced by their own children."

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